

Southeast Sector 2004 NPI Priority Report Neighborhood: Columbia City

Listing of Sub-Activity Priorities, Grouped by Neighborhood, Sorted by priority number

Matrix	B1-I
Activity	Provide more pedestrian-oriented street lighting along the Rainier Corridor. Many areas along Rainier Avenue S are dark and intimidating, and thus deter pedestrian activity. Specific sites include the core of Hillman City and sidewalks adjacent to Rainier Playfield and the Darigold facility.

Priority Top

Status: In-Progress

Sub-Activity Extend the historic lighting on side streets (Edmonds, Ferdinand and Hudson) near Rainier.

Summary Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been procured to purchase and install three pedestrian lights that are consistant with the esisting historically approved pedestrian lights. SDOT will install the lights by the end of 2004.

Implementors	Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
	City Light	Lead	Chris Larsen, 684-3698

Matrix	C1-a
Activity	Provide street, sidewalk, street tree, and alley improvements in existing single family neighborhoods. In addition to the Columbia City single family area (see A1-c), provide improvements on 37th Avenue S between S Genesee and S Dakota streets and 30th Avenue S. between S Alaska and S Angeline Streets.

Priority Second

Status: In-Progress

Sub-Activity Install sidewalk on Hudson Street, east of Rainier.

Summary Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used to complete this project. As of summer 2004, design of project is complete. Seattle Department of Transporation (SDOT) crew will construct sidewalk by the end of 2004.

Implementors	Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
	Transportation	Lead	Tony Mazzella, 684-0811
	Neighborhoods	Participating	Cliff Louie, 684-2029
	SPU	Participating	No Contact Assigned

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Matrix	A1-b
Activity	<i>Provide street, sidewalk, street tree, and alley improvements in existing single family neighborhoods. A capital improvement plan for the existing single family neighborhoods should be developed in conjunction with home ownership zone strategies for new housing and preservation of existing housing. Many streets within the low and moderate income single family areas of Columbia City are in poor repair. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters do not exist or are deteriorated. Alleys are not paved or are in poor repair. Neighborhood residents do not have the resources to make improvements through local improvement districts. City investment in infrastructure would contribute to the appearance, longevity and stability of the area and could help attract new infill development.</i>

Priority Third

Status: Not started

Sub-Activity Streetscape Improvement: Tree pruning on Rainier from Genesee to Hillman City.

Summary In 2003, the Seattle Dept. of Transportation's (SDOT) arborists pruned the streets along Rainier Avenue from Andover to Genesee. SDOT crews also worked with the community to renovate tree pits in the Columbia City Business District. Due to limited funds and staffing, SDOT will not be able to prune the entire mile-long stretch between Genesee and Orcas, but they will be able to provide pruning assistance for two or three blocks. The Neighborhood District Coordinator will work with both the City Arborists office and the community to prioritize the streets to be pruned in 2005.

Implementors	Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
	Transportation	Lead	Nolan Rundquist, 615-0957
	Neighborhoods	Participating	Glenn Harris, 386-1924

Matrix	B1-c
Activity	<i>Make traffic signals more pedestrian friendly. The present traffic signal cycles on Rainier Avenue S. are so long that they cause pedestrians to be restless and cross the street illegally. Reducing the response time for pedestrian activated signals and including automatic WALK signals for each cycle will increase safety and promote pedestrian activity in Columbia City.</i>

Priority Fourth

Status: Closed

Sub-Activity Create better marking or other measures at unsignalized crossings to make it safer and easier to cross on Rainier Avenue S.

Summary Installing a marked crosswalk at some locations may actually increase the likelihood of a pedestrian-vehicle collision. This is especially true of marked crosswalks across multi-lane roads such as Rainier Avenue South. A marked crosswalk would only be installed if the number of lanes of traffic can be reduced, or in conjunction with a traffic signal. While neither of these options is feasible in or around Columbia City at this time, the Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) will reevaluate the situation once Sound Transit construction ends.

Implementors	Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
	Transportation	Lead	Megan Hoyt, 684-5124

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Matrix	A1-h
Activity	Create angled parking on side streets within the business district core. This will help to provide more parking for Columbia City businesses. The streets include S Angeline, between 38th Ave S and 39th Ave S; S. Edmunds one block east of Rainier Ave S; S Ferdinand, on the east side of Rainier Ave S; and on S Hudson, one block west of Rainier Ave S. In conjunction with these improvements, enhance the existing angled parking area on S Hudson, east of Rainier Ave S, by providing paving and striping improvements. Ensure, however, that all parking revisions do not conflict with other recommendations, including sidewalk, landscaping, and other streetscape improvements.

Priority Fifth

Status: Completed

Sub-Activity SDOT staff will assist the Columbia City Business Association with a parking plan for the business district.

Summary Parking plan complete; Transportation (SDOT) staff will assist the Columbia City Business Association with implementing parking plan for the business district.

<u>Implementors</u>	Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
	Transportation	Lead	Randy Wiger, 684-8550
	Community - Chamber of Commerce	Participating	Glenn Harris, 233-2044